

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES
WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the Colorado School of Mines Women's Softball Team, who last spring won a berth in the NCAA Women's Softball Tournament for the second time in school history. The Orediggers finished the year with a conference record of 28–11, and an overall record of 36–24, sharing the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Championship with Metropolitan State College of Denver. The School of Mines also hosted the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference softball championship last spring. The three day event was a success for the School of Mines and all the schools that participated. Two of the School of Mines players were named to the All Tournament Team, Kelly Ulkrich, and Macy Jones.

The women of the Orediggers softball team should be extremely proud of their 2011 season, and their efforts on the diamond and in the classroom. These women exemplify the idea of the collegiate student-athlete. The Colorado School of Mines specializes in hard sciences, and I commend these young women in their dedication to fields that have traditionally been male dominated. They are an inspiration to girls everywhere who want to study science and engineering.

I also want to congratulate pitcher Kelly Ulkrich who was named the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Women's Athlete of the Month for April 2011.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the women of the Colorado School of Mines Women's Softball Team. The lessons they are learning as student-athletes will make these women the science and technology leaders of tomorrow. I am proud to have this world class school in my district. I wish the team best of luck in the 2012 season I hope it is even more successful than 2011, again congratulations, and Go Orediggers!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 44 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

IN SUPPORT OF H. RES. 525: NA-
TIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING
WEEK

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 525 and support the goals of "National School Counseling Week."

I introduced this resolution to recognize the tireless efforts of a group of professionals who

have dedicated themselves to our children and their education.

I wish to take this opportunity to recognize the diligent and hardworking school counselors throughout our country. Counselors like Sue Im, in my home district, at Gahr High School in Cerritos.

Every day counselors do exceptional work to help our students reach their highest potential. It is because of their unending dedication—children across our country succeed in becoming engineers, doctors, and even Members of Congress.

School counselors play a vital role in the development of our students on academic, social, and personal levels. Unfortunately, there aren't enough of them. Counselors often find themselves the casualty of budget cuts.

The average student-to-counselor ratio in America's public schools, 459-to-1, is almost double the 250-to-1 ratio recommended by the American School Counselor Association and the National Association for College Admission Counseling. Those numbers are even worse in California where the student to counselor ratio is a dismal 810 students to one counselor—one of the worst ratios in the country.

Our secondary school counselors work vigorously to increase graduation rates, identify problems in our schools and improve morale by inspiring students to challenge themselves and explore new opportunities.

Primary counselors often help identify students with health problems or disabilities that interfere with learning. They also help youngsters to cope with traumatic events, from moving to a new school to the death of a parent.

Our counselors do amazing work that often goes unrecognized. Our communities are strengthened by the students who are championed by their school counselors.

I urge my colleagues to support this effort to recognize the outstanding work that counselors do to ensure that our children's future is full of promise.

THE PASSING OF DR. STEPHEN
LEVIN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, it was with tremendous sadness that I learned today of the passing of Dr. Stephen Levin. Dr. Levin was one of our Nation's foremost experts in occupational and environmental medicine and in his career cared for thousands of Americans with work-related injuries and illnesses. But New Yorkers may know Dr. Levin best at the Director of the World Trade Center Worker and Volunteer Medical Screening Program, where he helped identify the emergence of 9/11-related illnesses and led the medical community's response to this unprecedented health crisis.

The Medical Screening Program was a precursor to the current World Trade Center Health Program, which was enshrined in law by the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, a bill I authored with Congressmen NADLER and KING and on which I worked with Dr. Levin to pass. Without Dr. Levin's pioneering research, service, and dedication to 9/11 responders, volunteers, and survivors, we may never have passed the Zadroga Act.

This is no doubt a terribly sad time for Dr. Levin's loved ones, but I hope they will be comforted by the fact that his life was so well-lived, and by the thoughts and prayers of thousands of Americans whose lives are immeasurably better because of his work.

WENDY GOINS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Wendy Goins of Golden Bodyworker for receiving the Ambassador of the Year Award from the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce.

This award is given each year to an individual who is a member of the Chamber Ambassadors. Wendy has been very active in promoting the Chamber in several ways, such as attending ribbon cuttings, grand openings, ground breakings, mentoring new Chamber members, attending Chamber functions, staffing the membership luncheon prize table, and many more.

With a full work schedule, Wendy finds time to promote the Chamber, attend functions and accepts challenges with a no defeat attitude. She is a real asset to the Golden community.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Wendy Goins for this well deserved recognition by the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING LONG-TIME COMMU-
NITY ACTIVIST & HONORARY
FILIPINOTOWN MAYOR: DR.
JACINTO "JAY" VALENCIA

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great loss to our community, Dr. Jacinto "Jay" Valencia, who passed away on January 31, 2012, at the age of 63. My heart goes out to his loving wife, Rosalie; his son, John; his daughter, Aileen V. Michel; his grandchildren Cello, Mycah and Naiya; and the rest of his family, friends and loved ones.

I was proud to have known Dr. Jay, as he was fondly called by his friends, for many years. He was a tireless advocate for his community and for working families, and rose to one of the highest positions in the Filipino American union movement.

Dr. Jay was vice president for administrative and legislative affairs of the National Union of Health Workers, based in California, where he worked hard to secure fair benefits and compensation for the organization's membership.

His most lasting legacy, however, was his selection as the first Mayor of Philippinatown, Inc. and his work in securing the designation of Filipinotown as a Historic District by the City of Los Angeles in 2002.

His passion for bettering the lives of his fellow community members was evident in his work for elected officials he believed in, such